

Devotion #10

Give it All

GATHER THE PLAYERS AND HAVE THEM SETTLE

READ THE SCRIPTURE

When he looked up he saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood." -Luke 21:1-4

USE QUESTIONS BELOW TO DISCUSS THE SCRIPTURE

1. Who put in the most amount of money?

-the wealthy people

2. Who put in the least total amount?

-the poor widow who only put in two "pennies"

3. Who does Jesus say gave the most?

-the poor widow because she gave more of what she had. In fact she gave out of the money she needed to buy food to live on, the wealthy gave some of their extra money

4. Is every person on this team equal in talent?

-no, some are very skilled, fast and some are not yet.

-but I as coach am most pleased when I see a player give all that they have. Give an example (when one person makes 5 baskets out of 10 shots but isn't really trying I get aggravated, but when a player who is not as talented tries their best and only makes 1 basket out of 10 shots I am pleased

-God is the same...he is pleased with how much of yourself you give, not just what you accomplish (may use an example of a hard-earned C versus a lack-of-effort B)

-God also wants our best when it comes to how we pay attention at Church

5. What are some of the ways we can give God more of our attention at Church?

-let the kids give lots of answers. Maybe not listen to music on the way, but start to get our minds a little quiet, or leaving our phones in the car (not just silencing them). Maybe following along in the missalette and trying to sing some of the songs

PRAY IN THESE OR SIMILAR WORDS, OR INVITE A PLAYER TO LEAD PRAYER

Father, everything that we have comes from you. Send us your Holy Spirit to create in us grateful hearts. Help to go return the gift of our very selves back to you. Teach us to hold nothing back. Make us into the young (men) (women) you would have us be. Amen.